Invitation for Bid

Missouri Department of Corrections
Fiscal Management Unit
Purchasing Section
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Jefferson City, MO 65102

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IFB 17708079

Water Softener Installation

FOR

South Central Correctional Center

Contract Period: Date of Award through 90 Days

Date of Issue: October 13, 2016

Bids Must Be Received No Later Than:

2:00 p.m., November 9, 2016

Sealed bids must be delivered to the Missouri Department of Corrections, Purchasing Section, 2729 Plaza Drive, Jefferson City, MO 65109, or P.O. Box 236, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102. The bidder should clearly identify the IFB number on the lower right or left-handed corner of the container in which the bid is submitted to the Department. This number is essential for identification purposes.

We hereby agree to provide the services and/or items, at the price quoted, pursuant to the requirements of this document and further agree that when this document is countersigned by an authorized official of the Missouri Department of Corrections, a binding contract, as defined herein, shall exist. The authorized signer of this document certifies that the contractor (named below) and each of its principals are not suspended or debarred by the federal government.

Company Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ **Fax:** _____

Federal EIN #:_____ **State Vendor #**_____

Email:_____

Authorized Signer's Printed Name and Title_____

Authorized Signature: _____ **Bid Date**_____

NOTICE OF AWARD:
This bid is accepted by the Missouri Department of Corrections as follows:

Contract No.

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Dave Dormire, Director, Division of Adult Institutions Date

The original cover page, including amendments, should be signed and returned with the bid.

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1. INTRODUCTION AND GENERAL INFORMATION

This section of the IFB includes a brief introduction and background information about the intended acquisitions and/or services for which the requirements herein are written. The contents of this section are intended for informational purposes and do not require a response.

1.1 Purpose:

1.1.1 This document constitutes a Invitation for Bid from prospective bidders for the installation of a Culligan CSN 900-3 Duplex Alternating water softener system for the Missouri Department of Corrections (herein after referred to as the "Department") South Central Correctional Center (herein referred to as SCCC) in accordance with the requirements and provisions stated herein.

1.1.2 Pursuant to paragraph 4.a of the terms and conditions of this IFB, written questions, request for changes, clarifications or otherwise, advise the Department if any language, specifications or requirements of this IFB appear to be ambiguous, contradictory, and/or arbitrary are due no later than five (5) calendar days prior to the official bid target date.

a. Any questions, requests, advice by a bidder must be submitted in writing to the Buyer of Record and clearly marked IFB 17708079, Water Softener Installation. It is preferred that communications be sent via e-mail to Beth.Lambert@doc.mo.gov.

1.2 Questions Regarding the IFB:

1.2.1 IFB Questions - It is the bidder's responsibility to ask questions, request changes or clarifications, or otherwise advise the Missouri Department of Corrections (DOC) if the bidder believes that any language, specifications, or requirements are: (1) ambiguous, (2) contradictory or arbitrary, or both, (3) violate any state or federal law or regulation, (4) restrict or limit the requirements to a single source, or (5) restrict or limit the bidder's ability to submit a bid.

a. Except as may be otherwise stated herein, the bidder and the bidder's agents (including subcontractors, employees, consultants, or anyone else acting on their behalf) must direct all of their questions or comments regarding the IFB, the solicitation process, the evaluation, etc., to the buyer of record indicated on the first page of this IFB. Inappropriate contacts to other personnel are grounds for suspension and/or exclusion from specific procurements. Bidders and their agents who have questions regarding this matter should contact the buyer.

1) The bidder may contact the Office of Equal Opportunity (OEO) regarding MBE/WBE certification or subcontracting with MBE/WBE companies.

b. All questions and issues should be submitted at least ten (10) working days prior to the due date of the bid. If not received prior to ten (10) working days before the bid due date, the DOC may not be able to fully research and consider the respective questions or issues. Questions and issues relating to the IFB, including questions related to the competitive procurement process, must be directed to the buyer. It is preferred that questions be e-mailed to the buyer at Beth.Lambert@doc.mo.gov.

c. The DOC will attempt to ensure that a bidder receives an adequate and prompt response to questions, if applicable. Upon DOC's consideration of questions and issues, if DOC determines that changes are necessary, the resulting changes will be included in a subsequently issued IFB amendment(s); absence of such response indicates that the questions and issues were considered but deemed unnecessary for IFB amendment as the questions and issues did not provide further clarity to the IFB. All bidders will be advised of any change to the IFB's language, specifications, or requirements by a formal amendment to the IFB.

NOTE: The only official position of the State of Missouri shall be that which is contained in the IFB and any amendments thereto.

1.3 Tour of Facility:

1.3.1 To schedule a non-mandatory site inspection, please contact Greg Hadley at 573-674-4470 ext. 1024, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at least four (4) days prior to the requested site inspection date.

a. Any potential bidder interested in participating in a site inspection must provide the full name and valid Missouri driver's license number of each individual planning to attend a site inspection. If the bidder does not have a valid Missouri driver's license, their social security number and date of birth are required.

b. Each potential bidder is limited to two (2) individuals at the site inspection.

c. Each person attending the site inspection will be required to have a valid government issued ID. Cell phones, cameras, tape recorders and purses will not be permitted inside the facility.

d. The Department reserves the right to accept or reject any person requesting a site inspection.

e. Other than the questions related to the tour, all questions regarding the Invitation for Bid and/or the competitive procurement process must be directed to Beth Lambert at (573) 526-6494 or Beth.Lambert@doc.mo.gov.

1.3.2 Each bidder is solely responsible for a prudent and complete personal inspection, examination, and assessment of the building and any other existing condition, factor, or item that may affect or impact the performance of service described and required in the Contractual Requirements. The bidder shall not be relieved of responsibility for performance under the contract for any reason whatsoever, including, but not limited to, the bidder's failure to observe existing conditions, etc.

1.3.3 Bidders are strongly encouraged to advise the SCCC at the time of making the appointment of any special accommodations needed for disabled personnel who will be attending the tour so that these accommodations can be made.

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1.4 Background and Historical Usage Information:

1.4.1 SCCC is located at 255 West Highway 32, Licking, Missouri 65542, and has an estimated population of 1,650 offenders.

1.4.2 Although an attempt has been made to provide accurate and up-to-date information, the State of Missouri does not warrant or represent that the background information provided herein reflects all relationships or existing conditions related to this Request for Bid.

END OF PART ONE: INTRODUCTION AND GENERAL INFORMATION

2. SCOPE OF WORK

This section of the IFB includes requirements and provisions relating specifically to the performance requirements of the Department. The contents of this section include mandatory requirements that will be required of the successful bidder and subsequent contractor. Response to this section by the bidder is requested in the Exhibit section of this IFB. The bidder's response, whether responding to a mandatory requirement or a desired attribute will be binding upon the bidder in the event the bid is accepted by the State.

2.1 General Requirements:

2.1.1 The contractor shall provide the provision for the installation of a Culligan CSM 900-3 Duplex Alternating Water Softener system for the Department of Corrections (hereinafter referred to as the Department), South Central Correctional Center (herein referred to as SCCC) in accordance with the provisions and requirements stated herein and to the sole satisfaction of the Department.

2.2 Performance/Installation Requirements:

2.2.1 The required specifications for installation are listed on **EXHIBIT A**, Pricing Page.

2.2.2 The contractor shall fully install the Culligan CSM 900-3 Duplex Alternating Water System in accordance with the manufacturer's recommended installation procedures to the full satisfaction and acceptance of the state agency.

2.2.3 The contractor shall disconnect the existing water softener system with the aid of SCCC maintenance staff. SCCC will dispose of the existing water softener system once it is disconnected.

2.2.4 Installation shall include the following equipment which is already onsite at SCCC:

- Two (2) 42" Dia. x 60" corrosion resistant, non ASME tanks
- Two (2) CSM "Culligan Side Mount" 3" control valves
- Two (2) GBE smart controllers
- Two (2) Stainless steel flow meters
- Thirty (30) cubic feet of high capacity resin in each tank
- 1400 lbs of gravel under bedding for each tank

2.2.5 The contractor shall provide all connecting PVC piping and ball valves needed to complete the installation. The required specifications for piping are listed under mandatory specifications on **EXHIBIT A**, Pricing Page.

2.2.6 The contractor shall set the tanks in place with assistance from the SCCC maintenance personnel.

2.2.7 The contractor shall coordinate work schedules with the Department designee for minimal disruption to normal state business occurring at the same time.

a. Working hours shall be Monday-Friday – 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

2.2.8 Once installed, that contractor must test the equipment and make all necessary adjustments required for successful operation prior to the use/demonstration session with agency personnel.

2.2.9 Services must be completed in a professional and timely manner and in compliance with all applicable industry standards and building codes.

2.2.10 Unless otherwise specified herein, the contractor shall furnish all material, labor, facilities, equipment, and supplies necessary to perform the services required herein.

2.3 Delivery Requirements:

2.3.1 The contractor must coordinate its schedule with the ordering institution. Any change in schedule must be approved by the institution a minimum of twenty-four (24) hours in advance prior to the implementation date of such change.

2.3.2 Delays in Delivery Performance:

a. If at any time the contractor should encounter conditions implementing delivery of an awarded item, the contractor shall immediately notify the Department's Purchasing Section in writing of the fact of delay, its likely duration and its cause(s). As soon as practical after the receipt of the contractor's notice, the Department shall evaluate the situation and may, at its sole discretion, extend the contractor's time for delivery.

b. A delay by the contractor in the performance of the delivery obligations shall render the contractor liable for additional costs incurred by the Department to obtain product from other sources unless an extension of time is agreed upon pursuant to 2.3.3 a.

2.4 Training Requirements:

2.4.1 The contractor shall provide startup services and owner training with SCCC maintenance staff once the system has been fully installed. This training cost must be included in the installation price proposed on **EXHIBIT A**, Pricing Page.

2.5 Payment Requirements:

2.5.1 The contractor shall understand and agree the state reserves the right to make contract payments to the contractor through electronic funds transfer (EFT). Therefore, prior to any payments becoming due under the contract, the contractor must update their vendor registration with their ACH-EFT payment information at https://MissouriBUYS.mo.gov. Each contractor invoice must be on the contractor's original descriptive business invoice form and must contain a unique invoice number. The invoice number will be listed on the state's EFT addendum record to enable the contractor to properly apply state payments to invoices. The contractor must comply with all other invoicing requirements stated in the IFB.

2.5.2 The contractor may obtain detailed information for payments issued for the past 24 months from the State of Missouri's central accounting system (SAM II) on the Vendor Services Portal at: https://www.vendorservices.mo.gov/vendorservices/Portal/Default.aspx.

2.5.3 All payment terms shall be stated in the terms and conditions of this contract. Payments will be processed based on final delivery, inspections, and acceptance of services rendered.

2.5.4 The contractor shall accurately invoice per the price(s) indicated on **EXHIBIT A**, Pricing Page.

2.5.5 The Department may choose to use the state purchasing card (Visa) in place of a purchase order to make purchases under this contract. Unless exception to the condition is indicated on **EXHIBT A**, Pricing Page, the contractor agrees to accept the state purchasing card as an acceptable form of payment and may not charge any additional fees related to the use of a purchasing card such as service fees, merchant fees, and/or handling charges.

a. If the Department issues a purchase order, an itemized invoice shall be emailed to the DOC.Payables@doc.mo.gov or mailed to:

Accounts Payable/SCCC
Missouri Department of Corrections
Fiscal Management Unit
P.O. Box 236
Jefferson City, MO 65102

2.5.6 Each invoice submitted must be specific to one purchase order number. The purchase order number must be referenced on the invoice must be itemized in accordance with the item listed on the purchase order. Failure to comply with this requirement may delay processing of invoices for payment. Emailed invoices should contain the purchase order number in the subject line.

a. If the state purchase card (Visa) is used for payment, an itemized invoice reflecting the charged amount must be faxed or emailed to the institution within one business day. The state purchasing card shall not be charged until all goods/services have been received and accepted.

2.5.7 The contractor's invoice should include any discount for prompt payment as indicated on **EXHIBIT A**, Pricing Page.

2.5.8 If the contractor maintains an e-commerce web application that enables Department staff to view and print invoices and invoice history, the contractor shall indicate on **EXHIBIT A**, Pricing Page the web site address where the Department staff may access invoices. Upon award of a contract, the contractor shall provide the Department with a customer number in order for Department staff to access invoices and invoice history.

2.5.9 The Department does not pay state or federal sales tax. The Department shall not make additional payments or pay add-on charges.

2.5.10 Other than the payments specified above, no other payments or reimbursements shall be made to the contractor for any reason whatsoever including, but not limited to taxes, travel expenses, shipping charges, insurance, interest, penalties, termination payments, attorney fees, liquidated damages, etc.

2.6 Security Requirements:

2.6.1 **At least four (4) days prior to** the scheduled start of services, the contractor must contact Greg Hadley at 573-674-4470, extension 1024, or email him at Greg.Hadley@doc.mo.gov to arrange for Missouri Uniform Law Enforcement System (MULES) checks on each employee who will be providing services on-site.

2.6.2 Upon arrival to the facility, the contractor and the contractor's personnel must present a photo form of legal identification, the tools and supplies on person being taken into the facility and a written inventory of the tools and supplies for verification. At no time shall the contractor leave any tools or supplies unattended. Missing tools or supplies must be immediately reported to the Department. All tools and supplies not secured in a locked job box and all vehicles and equipment must be removed at the end of each day.

a. All tools, parts, supplies, equipment not on the contractor's person or contractor's personnel shall be secured and locked in or on the contractor's vehicles and or job box. All equipment outside of the cab of the vehicle shall be chained and padlocked, i.e. ladders, tools, parts.

b. Large items impossible to move without heavy equipment do not need to be secured.

2.6.3 In the event the contractor wishes to use a locking job box, a detailed list of all tools/items must be provided to the Department's designated personnel and a daily documented inventory of all tools/items

must be conducted to account for all tools/items prior to the contractor leaving the institution each day. The job box will be stored in a designated Department building each day, and the contractor must leave a key to the job box with the Department's designated personnel.

2.7 Contractor's Employees

2.7.1 The contractor and all of the contractor's employees and agents providing services in any Department of Corrections institution must be at least 18 years of age. A Missouri Uniform Law Enforcement System (MULES) check or other background investigation may be required on the contractor, the contractor's employees and agents before they are allowed entry into the institution. The contractor, its employees and agents understand and agree that the Department may complete criminal background records checks annually for the contractor and the contractor's employees and agents that have the potential to have contact with inmates.

2.7.2 The institution shall have the right to deny access into the institution for the contractor and any of the contractor's employees and agents for any reason, at the discretion of the institution.

2.7.3 The contractor, its employees and agents under active federal or state felony or misdemeanor supervision must receive written division director approval prior to providing services pursuant to a Department contract. Similarly, contractors/employees/agents with prior felony convictions and not under active supervision must receive written division director approval in advance.

2.7.4 The contractor, its employees and agents shall at all times observe and comply with all applicable state statutes, Department rules, regulations, guidelines, internal management policies and procedures, and general orders of the Department that are applicable, regarding operations and activities in and about all Department property. Furthermore, the contractor, its employees and agents, shall not obstruct the Department or any of its designated officials from performing their duties in response to court orders or in the maintenance of a secure and safe correctional environment. The contractor shall comply with the Department's policies and procedures relating to employee conduct.

a. The Department has a zero tolerance policy for any form of sexual misconduct to include staff/contractor/volunteer on offender, or offender on offender, sexual harassment, sexual assault, sexual abuse and consensual sex.

(1) Any contractor or contractor's employee or agent who witnesses any form of sexual misconduct must immediately report it to the warden of the institution. If a contractor or contractor's employee or agent fails to report or knowingly condones sexual harassment or sexual contact with or between offenders, the Department may cancel the contract, or at the Department's sole discretion, require the contractor to remove the employee/agent from providing services under the contract.

(2) Any contractor or contractor's employee or agent who engages in sexual abuse shall be prohibited from entering the institution and shall be reported to law enforcement agencies and licensing bodies, as appropriate.

2.7.5 The contractor, its employees and agents shall not interact with the offenders except as is necessary to perform the requirements of the contract. The contractor, its employees and agents shall not give anything to nor accept anything from the offenders except in the normal performance of the contract.

2.7.6 If any contractor or contractor's employee or agent is denied access into the institution for any reason or is denied approval to provide service to the Department for any reason stated herein, it shall not relieve the contractor of any requirements of the contract. If the contractor is unable to perform the requirements of the contract for any reason, the contractor shall be considered in breach.

END OF PART TWO: SCOPE OF WORK

3. GENERAL CONTRACTUAL REQUIREMENTS:

This section of the IFB includes the general contractual requirements and provisions that shall govern the contract after IFB award. The contents of this section include mandatory provisions that must be adhered to by the state and the contractor unless changed by a contract amendment. Response to this section by the bidder is not necessary as all provisions are mandatory.

3.1 Contractual Requirements:

3.1.1 Contract - A binding contract shall consist of: (1) the IFB and any amendments thereto, (2) the contractor's response (bid) to the IFB, (3) clarification of the bid, if any, and (4) the DOC's acceptance of the response (bid) by "notice of award". All Exhibits and Attachments included in the IFB shall be incorporated into the contract by reference.

a. A notice of award issued by the State of Missouri does not constitute an authorization for shipment of equipment or supplies or a directive to proceed with services. Before providing equipment, supplies and/or services for the State of Missouri, the contractor must receive a properly authorized purchase order or other form of authorization given to the contractor at the discretion of the Department.

b. The contract expresses the complete agreement of the parties and performance shall be governed solely by the specifications and requirements contained therein.

c. Any change to the contract, whether by modification and/or supplementation, must be accomplished by a formal contract amendment signed and approved by and between the duly authorized representative of the contractor and the DOC prior to the effective date of such modification. The contractor expressly and explicitly understands and agrees that no other method and/or no other document, including correspondence, acts, and oral communications by or from any person, shall be used or construed as an amendment or modification to the contract.

3.1.2 Contract Price - All prices shall be as indicated on **EXHIBIT A**, Pricing Page. The state shall not pay nor be liable for any other additional costs including but not limited to taxes, shipping charges, insurance, interest, penalties, termination payments, attorney fees, liquidated damages, etc.

a. Prices shall include all packing, handling, shipping and freight charges FOB Destination, Freight Prepaid and Allowed. The State of Missouri shall not make additional payments or pay add-on charges for freight or shipping unless specifically described and priced in the bid, or as otherwise specifically stated and allowed by the IFB.

3.1.3 Termination - The Department reserves the right to terminate the contract at any time, for the convenience of the State of Missouri, without penalty or recourse, by giving written notice to the contractor at least thirty (30) calendar days prior to the effective date of such termination. The contractor shall be entitled to receive compensation for services and/or supplies delivered to and accepted by the State of Missouri pursuant to the contract prior to the effective date of termination.

3.1.4 Contractor Liability - The contractor shall be responsible for any and all personal injury (including death) or property damage as a result of the contractor's negligence involving any equipment or service provided under the terms and conditions, requirements and specifications of the contract. In addition, the contractor assumes the obligation to save the State of Missouri, including its agencies, employees, and assignees, from every expense, liability, or payment arising out of such negligent act.

a. The contractor also agrees to hold the State of Missouri, including its agencies, employees, and assignees, harmless for any negligent act or omission committed by any subcontractor or other person employed by or under the supervision of the contractor under the terms of the contract.

b. The contractor shall not be responsible for any injury or damage occurring as a result of any negligent act or omission committed by the State of Missouri, including its agencies, employees, and assignees.

3.1.5 Insurance - The contractor shall understand and agree that the State of Missouri cannot save and hold harmless and/or indemnify the contractor or employees against any liability incurred or arising as a result of any activity of the contractor or any activity of the contractor's employees related to the contractor's performance under the contract. Therefore, the contractor must acquire and maintain adequate liability insurance in the form(s) and amount(s) sufficient to protect the State of Missouri, its agencies, its employees, its clients, and the general public against any such loss, damage and/or expense related to his/her performance under the contract. General and other non-professional liability insurance shall include an endorsement that adds the State of Missouri as an additional insured. Self-insurance coverage or another alternative risk financing mechanism may be utilized provided that such coverage is verifiable and irrevocably reliable and the State of Missouri is protected as an additional insured.

a. In the event the insurance coverage is canceled, the Department must be notified within thirty (30) calendar days.

3.1.6 Subcontractors - Any subcontracts for the products/services described herein must include appropriate provisions and contractual obligations to ensure the successful fulfillment of all contractual obligations agreed to by the contractor and the State of Missouri and to ensure that the State of Missouri is indemnified, saved, and held harmless from and against any and all claims of damage, loss, and cost (including attorney fees) of any kind related to a subcontract in those matters described in the contract between the State of Missouri and the contractor.

a. The contractor shall expressly understand and agree that he/she shall assume and be solely responsible for all legal and financial responsibilities related to the execution of a subcontract.

b. The contractor shall agree and understand that utilization of a subcontractor to provide any of the products/services in the contract shall in no way relieve the contractor of the responsibility for providing the products/services as described and set forth herein.

c. The contractor must obtain the approval of the State of Missouri prior to establishing any new subcontracting arrangements and before changing any subcontractors. The approval shall not be arbitrarily withheld.

Refer to Organizations for the Blind and Sheltered Workshop and SDVE Guidelines at http://oa.mo.gov/purchasing/agency-information/section-34165-rsmo-organizations-blindsheltered-workshop-preference and http://oa.mo.gov/purchasing-materials-management/agency-information/section-34074-rsmo-missouri-service-disabled for further information.

3.1.7 Participation by Other Organizations: The contractor must comply with any Organization for the Blind/Sheltered Workshop and/or Service-Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (SDVE) participation levels committed to in the contractor’s awarded bid.

a. The contractor shall prepare and submit to the DOC a report detailing all payments made by the contractor to Organizations for the Blind/Sheltered Workshops and/or SDVEs participating in the contract for the reporting period. The contractor must submit the report on a monthly basis, unless otherwise determined by the DOC.

b. The DOC will monitor the contractor’s compliance in meeting the Organizations for the Blind/Sheltered Workshop and SDVE participation levels committed to in the contractor’s awarded bid. If the contractor’s payments to the participating entities are less than the amount committed, the state may cancel the contract and/or suspend or debar the contractor from participating in future state procurements, or retain payments to the contractor in an amount equal to the value of the

participation commitment less actual payments made by the contractor to the participating entity. If the DOC determines that the contractor becomes compliant with the commitment, any funds retained as stated above, will be released.

c. If a participating entity fails to retain the required certification or is unable to satisfactorily perform, the contractor must obtain other organizations for the blind/sheltered workshops or other SDVEs to fulfill the participation requirements committed to in the contractor's awarded bid.

1) The contractor must obtain the written approval of the DOC for any new entities. This approval shall not be arbitrarily withheld.

2) If the contractor cannot obtain a replacement entity, the contractor must submit documentation to the DOC detailing all efforts made to secure a replacement. The DOC shall have sole discretion in determining if the actions taken by the contractor constitute a good faith effort to secure the required participation and whether the contract will be amended to change the contractor's participation commitment.

3.1.8 Substitution of Personnel - The contractor agrees and understands that the State of Missouri's agreement to the contract is predicated in part on the utilization of the specific key individual(s) and/or personnel qualifications identified in the bid. Therefore, the contractor agrees that no substitution of such specific key individual(s) and/or personnel qualifications shall be made without the prior written approval of the Department. The contractor further agrees that any substitution made pursuant to this paragraph must be equal or better than originally proposed and that the Department's approval of a substitution shall not be construed as an acceptance of the substitution's performance potential. The State of Missouri agrees that an approval of a substitution will not be unreasonably withheld.

3.1.9 Authorized Personnel: The contractor shall only employ personnel authorized to work in the United States in accordance with applicable federal and state laws. This includes but is not limited to the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act (IIRIRA) and INA Section 274A.

a. If the contractor is found to be in violation of this requirement or the applicable state, federal and local laws and regulations, and if the State of Missouri has reasonable cause to believe that the contractor has knowingly employed individuals who are not eligible to work in the United States, the state shall have the right to cancel the contract immediately without penalty or recourse and suspend or debar the contractor from doing business with the state. The state may also withhold up to twenty-five percent of the total amount due to the contractor.

b. The contractor shall agree to fully cooperate with any audit or investigation from federal, state, or local law enforcement agencies.

c. The contractor and all of the contractor's employees and agents providing services in any Department of Corrections institution must be at least eighteen (18) years of age. A Missouri Uniform Law Enforcement System (MULES) check or other background investigation shall be required on the contractor, the contractor's employees and agents before they are allowed entry into the institution. The contractor, its employees and agents understand and agree that the Department may complete criminal background records checks annually for the contractor and the contractor's employees and agents that have the potential to have contact with offenders.

d. The institution shall have the right to deny access into the institution for the contractor and any of the contractor's employees and agents for any reason, at the discretion of the institution.

e. The contractor, its employees and agents under active federal or state felony or misdemeanor supervision must receive written division director approval prior to providing services pursuant to a Department contract. Similarly, contractors/employees/agents with prior felony convictions and not under active supervision must receive written division director approval in advance.

f. The contractor, its employees and agents shall at all times observe and comply with all applicable state statutes, Department rules, regulations, guidelines, internal management policies and procedures, and general orders of the Department that are applicable, regarding operations and activities in and about all Department property. Furthermore, the contractor, its employees and agents, shall not obstruct the Department or any of its designated officials from performing their duties in response to court orders or in the maintenance of a secure and safe correctional environment. The contractor shall comply with the Department's policies and procedures relating to employee conduct.

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3.1.10 Contractor Status - The contractor is an independent contractor and shall not represent the contractor or the contractor’s employees to be employees of the State of Missouri or a Department of the State of Missouri. The contractor shall assume all legal and financial responsibility for salaries, taxes, FICA, employee fringe benefits, workers compensation, employee insurance, minimum wage requirements, overtime, etc., and agrees to indemnify, save, and hold the State of Missouri, its officers, agents, and employees, harmless from and against, any and all loss; cost (including attorney fees); and damage of any kind related to such matters.

3.1.11 Coordination - The contractor shall fully coordinate all contract activities with those activities of the Department. As the work of the contractor progresses, advice and information on matters covered by the contract shall be made available by the contractor to the Department or the Department throughout the effective period of the contract.

3.1.12 If any contractor or contractor’s employee or agent is denied access into the institution for any reason or is denied approval to provide service to the Department for any reason stated herein, it shall not relieve the contractor of any requirements of the contract. If the contractor is unable to perform the requirements of the contract for any reason, the contractor shall be considered in breach.

3.1.13 Order Quantities - The quantities indicated in this Invitation for Bid are estimates that pertain to the total aggregate quantities that may be ordered throughout the stated contract period. The estimates do not indicate single order amounts unless otherwise stated. The State of Missouri makes no guarantees about single order quantities or total aggregate order quantities.

3.1.14 Substitution of Products - The contractor shall not substitute any item(s) that has been awarded to the contractor without the prior written approval of the Department.

a. In the event an item becomes unavailable, the contractor shall be responsible for providing a suitable substitute item. The contractor's failure to provide an acceptable substitute may result in cancellation or termination of the contract.

b. Any item substitution must be a replacement of the contracted item with a product of equal or better capabilities and quality, and with equal or lower pricing. The contractor shall understand that the state reserves the right to allow the substitution of any new or different product/system offered by the contractor. The Department shall be the final authority as to acceptability of any proposed substitution.

c. Any item substitution shall require a formal contract amendment authorized by the Department prior to the state acquiring the substitute item under the contract.

d. The state may choose not to compel an item substitution in the event requiring a substitution would be deemed unreasonable in the sole opinion of the State of Missouri. The contractor shall not be relieved of substituting a product in the event of manufacturer discontinuation or other reason simply for reasons of unprofitability to the contractor.

3.1.15 Replacement of Damaged Product - The contractor shall be responsible for replacing any item received in damaged condition at no cost to the State of Missouri. This includes all shipping costs for returning non-functional items to the contractor for replacement.

3.1.16 Delivery Performance - The contractor and/or the contractor's subcontractor(s) shall deliver products in accordance with the contracted delivery times stated herein to the Department upon receipt of an authorized purchase order or P-card transaction notice. Delivery shall include unloading shipments at the Department's dock or other designated unloading site as requested by the Department. All orders must be shipped F.O.B. Destination, Freight Prepaid and Allowed. All orders received on the last day of the contract, must be shipped at the contract price. All deliveries must be coordinated with the Department

3.1.17 Property of State - All documents, data, reports, supplies, equipment, and accomplishments prepared, furnished, or completed by the contractor pursuant to the terms of the contract shall become the property of the State of Missouri. Upon expiration, termination, or cancellation of the contract, said items shall become the property of the State of Missouri.

3.1.18 Confidentiality:

a. The contractor shall agree and understand that all discussions with the contractor and all information gained by the contractor as a result of the contractor's performance under the contract shall be confidential and that no reports, documentation, or material prepared as required by the contract shall be released to the public without the prior written consent of the Department.

b. If required by the Department, the contractor and any required contractor personnel must sign specific documents regarding confidentiality, security, or other similar documents upon request. Failure of the contractor and any required personnel to sign such documents shall be considered a breach of contract and subject to the cancellation provisions of this document.

3.1.19 The contractor shall not perform any work under the contract that by Missouri law (section 290.250, RSMo) requires prevailing wage. The contractor must notify the DOC if any requested work would involve prevailing wage; the DOC shall then arrange for said work outside the subject contract in accordance with Missouri law.

3.1.20 Hazard Communication Safety Data Sheets and Labeling Requirements- The State of Missouri, Department, in accordance with the revised rules and regulations of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) requires that all hazardous chemicals and other appropriate commodities purchased by the State of Missouri must contain a safety data sheet and warning labels with each

shipment compliant with OSHA's Hazard Communication Standard. Therefore, the contractor must comply with this mandatory requirement for all commodities provided under contract that contain hazardous material. The contractor's Safety Data Sheets shall comply with the OSHA uniform formatting requirements that are to become effective June 1, 2015, and the contractor's Safety Data Sheets shall always comply with any changes to those OSHA requirements. Failure to comply with this requirement may cause cancellation of the contract with goods returned at the contractor's expense as well as suspension from the solicitation list for future requirements.

END OF PART THREE: GENERAL CONTRACTUAL REQUIREMENTS

4. BID SUBMISSION, EVALUATION, AND AWARD INFORMATION

4.1 Submission of Bids:

4.1.1 Submission of Information – To facilitate the evaluation process, the bidder is encouraged to submit bid information by sections that correspond with the individual evaluation categories described herein. The bidder is cautioned that it is the bidder's sole responsibility to submit necessary information. The State of Missouri is under no obligation to solicit any information if it is not included with the bid. The bidder's failure to submit information with the bid, including pricing and renewal information, may cause an adverse impact on the evaluation of the bid.

4.1.2 Contact – Any and all communication from bidders regarding specifications, requirements, competitive bid process, etc. related to the bid document must be referred to the Buyer of Record identified on the first page of this document. Such communication should be received at least ten calendar days prior to the official bid opening date.

4.1.3 Compliance with Terms and Conditions – The bidder is cautioned when submitting pre-printed terms and conditions or other type material to make sure such documents do not contain other terms and conditions which conflict with those of the IFB and its contractual requirements. The bidder agrees that in the event of conflict between any of the bidder's terms and conditions and those contained in the IFB, that the IFB shall govern. Taking exception to the State's terms and conditions may render a bidder's bid non-responsive and remove it from consideration for award.

4.2 Evaluation and Award Process:

4.2.1 After determining that a bid satisfies the mandatory requirements stated in the Invitation for Bid, a cost analysis shall be conducted. The contract shall be awarded to the lowest priced responsive bidder.

4.2.2 Open Competition – Any manufacturer's name, trade names, brand names, information and/or catalog numbers listed in a specification and/or requirement are for informational purposes only and are not intended to limit competition.

a. The bidder may offer any brand of product that meets or exceeds the specifications. In addition to identifying the manufacturer's name and model number, the bidder must explain in detail how their product meets or exceed the specifications. Bids, which do not comply with the requirement and the specifications, are subject to rejection without clarification.

4.3 Evaluation of Cost:

4.3.1 The evaluation of cost shall cover the original contract period.

4.3.2 The bidder must provide firm, fixed pricing as required on **Exhibit A**, Pricing Page, for all line items.

a. The price quoted shall include all packing, handling, shipping and freight charges FOB Destination freight prepaid and allowed. The Department shall not make additional payments or pay add-on charges for freight or shipping.

4.3.3 The bidder should complete the "Terms" and the "Bidder's Acceptance of the State Purchasing Card" sections on **Exhibit A**, Pricing Page.

4.3.4 The cost evaluation shall be based on the total cost determined using the firm fixed price and the quantity indicated on **EXHIBIT A**, Pricing Page. The total cost shall be calculated by multiplying the quoted price by the quantity indicated for the line item.

a. Cost evaluation points shall be determined from the result of the calculation stated above using the following formula:

Lowest Responsive Bidder's Price / Compared Bidder's Price	X	Maximum Cost Evaluation Points (100)	= Assigned Cost Points

b. NOTE: The prompt payment discount terms on contracts will not be used in any cost calculation

Refer to Organizations for the Blind and Sheltered Workshop Guidelines at http://oa.mo.gov/purchasing/agency-information/section-34165-rsmo-organizations-blindsheltered-workshop-preference for further information.

4.4 Organizations for the Blind and Sheltered Workshop Preferences:

4.4.1 Pursuant to section 34.165, RSMo, and 1 CSR 40-1.050, a ten (10) bonus point preference shall be granted to bidders including products and/or services manufactured, produced or assembled by a qualified nonprofit organization for the blind established pursuant to 41 U.S.C. sections 46 to 48c or a sheltered workshop holding a certificate of approval from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education pursuant to section 178.920, RSMo.

4.4.2 In order to qualify for the ten bonus points, the following conditions must be met and the following evidence must be provided:

a. The bidder must either be an organization for the blind or sheltered workshop or must be proposing to utilize an organization for the blind/sheltered workshop as a subcontractor and/or supplier in an amount that must equal the greater of $5,000 or 2% of the total dollar value of the contract for purchases not exceeding $10 million.

b. The services performed or the products provided by an organization for the blind or sheltered workshop must provide a commercially useful function related to the delivery of the contractually-required service/product in a manner that will constitute an added value to the contract and shall be performed/provided exclusive to the performance of the contract. Therefore, if the services performed or the products provided by the organization for the blind or sheltered workshop is utilized, to any extent, in the bidder's obligations outside of the contract, it shall not be considered a valid added value to the contract and shall not qualify as participation in accordance with this clause.

c. If the bidder is proposing participation by an organization for the blind or sheltered workshop, in order to receive evaluation consideration for participation by the organization for the blind or sheltered workshop, the bidder must provide the following information with the bid:

1) Participation Commitment - The bidder must complete Exhibit B, Participation Commitment, by identifying the organization for the blind or sheltered workshop and the commercially useful products/services to be provided by the listed organization for the blind or sheltered workshop. If the bidder submitting the bid is an organization for the blind or sheltered workshop, the bidder must be listed in the appropriate table on the Participation Commitment Form.

2) Documentation of Intent to Participate – The bidder must either provide a properly completed Exhibit C, Documentation of Intent to Participate Form, signed and dated no earlier than the IFB issuance date by the organization for the blind or sheltered workshop proposed or must provide a recently dated letter of intent signed and dated no earlier than the IFB issuance date by the organization for the blind or sheltered workshop which: (1) must describe the products/services the organization for the blind/sheltered workshop will provide and (2) should include evidence of the organization for the blind/sheltered workshop qualifications (e.g. copy of certificate or Certificate Number for Missouri Sheltered Workshop).

NOTE: If the bidder submitting the bid is an organization for the blind or sheltered workshop, the bidder is not required to complete Exhibit C, Documentation of Intent to Participate Form or provide a recently dated letter of intent.

d. A list of Missouri sheltered workshops can be found at the following Internet address:
http://dese.mo.gov/special-education/sheltered-workshops/directories

e. The websites for the Missouri Lighthouse for the Blind and the Alphapointe Association for the Blind can be found at the following Internet addresses:
http://www.lhbindustries.com
http://www.alphapointe.org

f. Commitment – If the bidder's bid is awarded, the organization for the blind or sheltered workshop participation committed to by the bidder on Exhibit B, Participation Commitment, shall be interpreted as a contractual requirement.

Refer to SDVE Guidelines at http://oa.mo.gov/purchasing-materials-management/agency-information/section-34074-rsmo-missouri-service-disabled for further information.

4.5 Missouri Service-Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (SDVE) Preference:

4.5.1 Pursuant to section 34.074, RSMo, and 1 CSR 40-1.050, the Department has a goal of awarding three (3) percent of all contracts for the performance of any job or service to qualified service-disabled veteran business enterprises (SDVEs). A three (3) point bonus preference shall be granted to bidders including products and/or services manufactured, produced or assembled by a qualified SDVE.

a. In order to qualify for the three bonus points, the following conditions must be met and the following evidence must be provided:

1) The bidder must either be an SDVE or must be proposing to utilize an SDVE as a subcontractor and/or supplier that provides at least three percent (3%) of the total contract value.

2) The services performed or the products provided by the SDVE must provide a commercially useful function related to the delivery of the contractually-required service/product in a manner that will constitute an added value to the contract and shall be performed/provided exclusive to the performance of the contract. Therefore, if the services performed or the products provided by the SDVE are utilized, to any extent, in the bidder's obligations outside of the contract, it shall not be considered a valid added value to the contract and shall not qualify as participation in accordance with this clause.

3) In order to receive evaluation consideration for participation by the SDVE, the bidder must provide the following information with the bid:

✓ Participation Commitment - The bidder must complete Exhibit B, Participation Commitment, by identifying each proposed SDVE, the committed percentage of participation for each SDVE, and the commercially useful products/services to be provided by the listed SDVE. If the bidder submitting the bid is a qualified SDVE, the bidder must be listed in the appropriate table on the Participation Commitment Form.

✓ Documentation of Intent to Participate – The bidder must either provide a properly completed Exhibit C, Documentation of Intent to Participate Form, signed and dated no earlier than the IFB issuance date by each SDVE or must provide a recently dated letter of intent signed and dated no earlier than the IFB issuance date by the SDVE which: (1) must describe the products/services the SDVE will provide and (2) must include the SDV Documents described below as evidence that the SDVE is qualified, as defined herein.

- ✓ Service-Disabled Veteran (SDV) Documents - If a participating organization is an SDVE, unless previously submitted within the past five (5) years to the DEPARTMENT or to the Office of Administration, Division of Purchasing and Materials Management, the bidder **must** provide the following Service-Disabled Veteran (SDV) documents:

  - a copy of the SDV's award letter from the Department of Veterans Affairs or a copy of the SDV's discharge paper (DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty); and
  - a copy of the SDV's documentation certifying disability by the appropriate federal agency responsible for the administration of veterans' affairs.

NOTE: If the bidder submitting the bid is a qualified SDVE, the bidder must include the SDV Documents as evidence that the bidder qualifies as an SDVE. However, the bidder is not required to complete Exhibit C, Documentation of Intent to Participate Form or provide a recently dated letter of intent.

b. Commitment – If awarded a contract, the SDVE participation committed to by the bidder on Exhibit B, Participation Commitment, shall be interpreted as a contractual requirement.

c. Definition - Qualified SDVE:

1) SDVE is doing business as a Missouri firm, corporation, or individual or maintaining a Missouri office or place of business, not including an office of a registered agent;

2) SDVE has not less than fifty-one percent (51%) of the business owned by one (1) or more service-disabled veterans (SDVs) or, in the case of any publicly-owned business, not less than fifty-one percent (51%) of the stock of which is owned by one (1) or more SDVs;

3) SDVE has the management and daily business operations controlled by one (1) or more SDVs;

4) SDVE has a copy of the SDV's award letter from the Department of Veterans Affairs or a copy of the SDV's discharge paper (DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty), and a copy of the SDV's documentation certifying disability by the appropriate federal agency responsible for the administration of veterans' affairs; and

5) SDVE possesses the power to make day-to-day as well as major decisions on matters of management, policy, and operation.

4.6 Other Bid Submission Requirements:

4.6.1 Affidavit of Work Authorization and Documentation - Pursuant to section 285.530, RSMo, if the bidder meets the section 285.525, RSMo, definition of a "business entity" (Section: 285.0525 Definitions. RSMO 285.525), the bidder must affirm the bidder's enrollment and participation in the E-Verify federal work authorization program with respect to the employees hired after enrollment in the program who are proposed to work in connection with the services requested herein. The bidder should complete applicable portions of Exhibit D, Business Entity Certification, Enrollment Documentation, and Affidavit of Work Authorization. The applicable portions of Exhibit D must be submitted prior to an award of a contract.

4.6.2 Annual Wage Orders – The bidder is advised that prior to submitting a bid, the bidder must review the annual wage order for each applicable county. The wage order(s) is available as an additional electronic link from the web page where the downloadable Invitation for Bid is listed. In the event the bidder is unable to download the wage order(s), a copy on CD may be obtained by contacting the buyer of record as indicated on the front page of this.

4.6.3 Miscellaneous Information – The bidder should complete and submit Exhibit E, Miscellaneous Information.

4.6.4 Business Compliance - The bidder must be in compliance with the laws regarding conducting business in the State of Missouri. The bidder certifies by signing the signature page of this original document and any amendment signature page(s) or by submitting an on-line bid that the bidder and any proposed subcontractors either are presently in compliance with such laws or shall be in compliance with such laws prior to any resulting contract award. The bidder shall provide documentation of compliance upon request by the Department. The compliance to conduct business in the state shall include, but not necessarily be limited to:

a. Registration of business name (if applicable) with the Secretary of State at http://sos.mo.gov/business/startBusiness.asp

b. Certificate of authority to transact business/certificate of good standing (if applicable)

c. Taxes (e.g., city/county/state/federal)

d. State and local certifications (e.g., professions/occupations/activities)

e. Licenses and permits (e.g., city/county license, sales permits)

f. Insurance (e.g., worker's compensation/unemployment compensation)

The bidder should refer to the Missouri Business Portal at http://business.mo.gov for additional information.

EXHIBIT A

PRICING PAGE

The bidder must state only one firm, fixed price delivered FOB Destination Prepaid and Allowed to the institution for the item bidding. Prices quoted shall be considered firm and fixed throughout the contract period. The bidder shall conform to the specifications stated herein.

LINE ITEM	QUANTITY	UNIT	FIRM, FIXED UNIT PRICE
001 - Installation of Culligan CSM 900-3 Duplex Alternating Water Softener	1	EA	$

MANDATORY SPECIFICATIONS	**BIDDER TO CONFIRM ITEM BIDDING MEETS SPECIFICATIONS**
3" ball valves, schedule 80 PVC piping for connection from the CSM to the existing inlet and outlet	
2" schedule 40 PVC for the drain piping	
1" schedule 40 PVC piping for the brine lines from the softeners to the brine tank	
Startup services and training	

Delivery: The desired installation is **30 calendar days** after receipt of a properly executed order. If bidder's delivery is different, the bidder should state delivery in days after receipt of order:_____calendar days ARO.

Warranty: The bidder should state the warranty period which shall cover parts and labor. The warranty shall commence upon delivery and acceptance of the equipment/supplies by the State of Missouri.

Warranty on Parts:_____ Warranty on Labor:_____

Details About Payment Terms:

The bidder should state below its discount terms offered for the prompt payment of invoices.

_____ % discount off total invoice price if paid within _____ calendar days of the Department's receipt of invoice.

Check here if the state purchasing card (Visa) is acceptable as a method of payment: ____ Yes, acceptable

By signing, the bidder hereby declares understanding, agreement and certification of compliance to provide the items at the prices quoted, in accordance with all requirements and specification contained herein and the Terms and Conditions. The bidder further agrees that the language of this IFB shall govern in the event of a conflict with his/her bid.

Company Name: _____

Authorized Signature: _____ Printed Name: _____

Date: _____ Email: _____

EXHIBIT B

PARTICIPATION COMMITMENT

Organization for the Blind/Sheltered Workshop and/or Service-Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (SDVE) Participation Commitment – If the bidder is committing to participation by or if the bidder is a qualified organization for the blind/sheltered workshop and/or a qualified SDVE, the bidder must provide the required information in the appropriate table(s) below for the organization proposed and must submit the completed exhibit with the bid.

Organization for the Blind/Sheltered Workshop Commitment Table By completing this table, the bidder commits to the use of the organization at the greater of $5,000 or 2% of the actual total dollar value of contract.	
(The services performed or the products provided by the listed Organization for the Blind/Sheltered Workshop must provide a commercially useful function related to the delivery of the contractually-required service/product in a manner that will constitute an added value to the contract and shall be performed/provided exclusive to the performance of the contract.)	
Name of Organization for the Blind or Sheltered Workshop Proposed	**Description of Products/Services to be Provided by Listed Organization for the Blind/Sheltered Workshop** *The bidder should also include the paragraph number(s) from the IFB which requires the product/service the organization for the blind/sheltered workshop is proposed to perform and describe how the proposed product/service constitutes added value and will be exclusive to the contract.*
1.	Product/Service(s) proposed: IFB Paragraph References:
2.	Product/Service(s) proposed: IFB Paragraph References:

SDVE Participation Commitment Table		
(The services performed or the products provided by the listed SDVE must provide a commercially useful function related to the delivery of the contractually-required service/product in a manner that will constitute an added value to the contract and shall be performed/provided exclusive to the performance of the contract.)		
Name of Each Qualified Service-Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (SDVE) Proposed	**Committed Percentage of Participation for Each SDVE** (% of the Actual Total Contract Value)	**Description of Products/Services to be Provided by Listed SDVE** *The bidder should also include the paragraph number(s) from the IFB which requires the product/service the SDVE is proposed to perform and describe how the proposed product/service constitutes added value and will be exclusive to the contract.*
1.	%	Product/Service(s) proposed: IFB Paragraph References:
2.	%	Product/Service(s) proposed: IFB Paragraph References:
Total SDVE Percentage:	**%**	

EXHIBIT C

DOCUMENTATION OF INTENT TO PARTICIPATE

If the bidder is proposing to include the participation of an Organization for the Blind/Sheltered Workshop and/or qualified Service-Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (SDVE) in the provision of the products/services required in the IFB, the bidder must either provide a recently dated letter of intent, signed and dated no earlier than the IFB issuance date, from each organization documenting the following information, or complete and provide this Exhibit with the bidder's bid.

~ Copy This Form For Each Organization Proposed ~

Bidder Name: _____

This Section To Be Completed by Participating Organization:

By completing and signing this form, the undersigned hereby confirms the intent of the named participating organization to provide the products/services identified herein for the bidder identified above.

Indicate appropriate business classification(s):

_____Organization for the Blind _____Sheltered Workshop _____SDVE

Name of Organization: _____

(Name of Organization for the Blind, Sheltered Workshop, or SDVE)

Contact Name:		Email:	
Address (If SDVE, provide MO Address):		Phone #:	
City:		Fax #:	
State/Zip:		Certification #	
SDVE's Website Address:		Certification Expiration Date:	(or attach copy of certification)
Service-Disabled Veteran's (SDV) Name: (Please Print)		SDV's Signature:	

PRODUCTS/SERVICES PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATION AGREED TO PROVIDE

Describe the products/services you *(as the participating organization)* have agreed to provide:

_____

_____

_____

_____

Authorized Signature:

_____ _____

Authorized Signature of Participating Organization (Organization for the Blind, Sheltered Workshop, or SDVE)

Date (Dated no earlier than the IFB issuance date)

EXHIBIT C (continued)

DOCUMENTATION OF INTENT TO PARTICIPATE

SERVICE-DISABLED VETERAN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (SDVE)

If a participating organization is an SDVE, unless the Service-Disabled Veteran's (SDV) documents were previously submitted within the past five (5) years to the state agency or to the Office of Administration, Division of Purchasing and Materials Management (DPMM), the bidder **must** provide the following SDV documents:

- a copy of the SDV's award letter from the Department of Veterans Affairs or a copy of the SDV's discharge paper (DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty); and
- a copy of the SDV's documentation certifying disability by the appropriate federal agency responsible for the administration of veterans' affairs.

(NOTE: The SDV's award letter, the SDV's discharge paper, and the SDV's documentation certifying disability shall be considered confidential pursuant to subsection 14 of section 610.021, RSMo.)

The bidder should check the appropriate statement below and, if applicable, provide the requested information.

❒ No, I have not previously submitted the SDV documents specified above to the state agency or to the Office of Administration, Division of Purchasing and Materials Management (DPMM) and therefore have enclosed the SDV documents.

❒ Yes, I previously submitted the SDV documents specified above within the past five (5) years to the state agency.

❒ Yes, I previously submitted the SDV documents specified above within the past five (5) years to the Office of Administration, Division of Purchasing and Materials Management (DPMM).

Date SDV Documents were Submitted: _____

Previous **Bid/Contract Number** for Which the SDV Documents were Submitted: _____
(if known)

(NOTE: If the SDVE and SDV are listed on the DPMM SDVE database located at http://oa.mo.gov/sites/default/files/sdvelisting.pdf , then the SDV documents have been submitted to the DPMM within the past five [5] years. However, if it has been determined that an SDVE at any time no longer meets the requirements stated above, the DPMM will remove the SDVE and associated SDV from the database.)

FOR STATE USE ONLY

SDV's Documents - Verification Completed By:

_____ _____
Procurement Officer Date

EXHIBIT D
BUSINESS ENTITY CERTIFICATION, ENROLLMENT DOCUMENTATION, AND AFFIDAVIT OF WORK AUTHORIZATION

BUSINESS ENTITY CERTIFICATION:
The bidder must certify their current business status by completing either Box A or Box B or Box C on this Exhibit.

BOX A:	To be completed by a non-business entity as defined below.
BOX B:	To be completed by a business entity who has not yet completed and submitted documentation pertaining to the federal work authorization program as described at http://www.dhs.gov/files/programs/gc_1185221678150.shtm.
BOX C:	To be completed by a business entity who has current work authorization documentation on file with a Missouri Department including Department.

Business entity, as defined in section 285.525, RSMo, pertaining to section 285.530, RSMo, is any person or group of persons performing or engaging in any activity, enterprise, profession, or occupation for gain, benefit, advantage, or livelihood. The term "**business entity**" shall include but not be limited to self-employed individuals, partnerships, corporations, contractors, and subcontractors. The term "**business entity**" shall include any business entity that possesses a business permit, license, or tax certificate issued by the state, any business entity that is exempt by law from obtaining such a business permit, and any business entity that is operating unlawfully without such a business permit. The term "**business entity**" shall not include a self-employed individual with no employees or entities utilizing the services of direct sellers as defined in subdivision (17) of subsection 12 of section 288.034, RSMo.

Note: Regarding governmental entities, business entity includes Missouri schools, Missouri universities (other than stated in Box C), out of state agencies, out of state schools, out of state universities, and political subdivisions. A business entity does not include Missouri state agencies and federal government entities.

BOX A – CURRENTLY NOT A BUSINESS ENTITY

I certify that _____ (Company/Individual Name) **DOES NOT CURRENTLY MEET** the definition of a business entity, as defined in section 285.525, RSMo pertaining to section 285.530, RSMo as stated above, because: (check the applicable business status that applies below)

☐ I am a self-employed individual with no employees; **OR**

☐ The company that I represent employs the services of direct sellers as defined in subdivision (17) of subsection 12 of section 288.034, RSMo.

I certify that I am not an alien unlawfully present in the United States and if _____ (Company/Individual Name) is awarded a contract for the services requested herein under _____ (IFB Number) and if the business status changes during the life of the contract to become a business entity as defined in section 285.525, RSMo pertaining to section 285.530, RSMo then, prior to the performance of any services as a business entity, _____ (Company/Individual Name) agrees to complete Box B, comply with the requirements stated in Box B and provide the Department with all documentation required in Box B of this exhibit.

Authorized Representative's Name (Please Print)	*Authorized Representative's Signature*
Company Name (if applicable)	Date

EXHIBIT D, continued

(Complete the following if you DO NOT have the E-Verify documentation and a current Affidavit of Work Authorization already on file with the State of Missouri. If completing Box B, do not complete Box C.)

BOX B – CURRENT BUSINESS ENTITY STATUS

I certify that _____ (Business Entity Name) **MEETS** the definition of a business entity as defined in section 285.525, RSMo pertaining to section 285.530.

Authorized Business Entity Representative's Name (Please Print)	*Authorized Business Entity Representative's Signature*
Business Entity Name	Date
E-Mail Address	

As a business entity, the bidder must perform/provide each of the following. The bidder should check each to verify completion/submission of all of the following:

☐ Enroll and participate in the E-Verify federal work authorization program (Website: http://www.dhs.gov/files/programs/gc_1185221678150.shtm; Phone: 888-464-4218; Email: e-verify@dhs.gov) with respect to the employees hired after enrollment in the program who are proposed to work in connection with the services required herein;

AND

☐ Provide documentation affirming said company's/individual's enrollment and participation in the E-Verify federal work authorization program. Documentation shall include EITHER the E-Verify Employment Eligibility Verification page listing the bidder's name and company ID OR a page from the E-Verify Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) listing the bidder's name and the MOU signature page completed and signed, at minimum, by the bidder and the Department of Homeland Security – Verification Division. If the signature page of the MOU lists the bidder's name and company ID, then no additional pages of the MOU must be submitted;

AND

☐ Submit a completed, notarized Affidavit of Work Authorization provided on the next page of this Exhibit.

EXHIBIT D, continued

AFFIDAVIT OF WORK AUTHORIZATION:

The bidder who meets the section 285.525, RSMo, definition of a business entity must complete and return the following Affidavit of Work Authorization.

Comes now _____ (Name of Business Entity Authorized Representative) as _____ (Position/Title) first being duly sworn on my oath, affirm _____ (Business Entity Name) is enrolled and will continue to participate in the E-Verify federal work authorization program with respect to employees hired after enrollment in the program who are proposed to work in connection with the services related to contract(s) with the State of Missouri for the duration of the contract(s), if awarded in accordance with subsection 2 of section 285.530, RSMo. I also affirm that _____ (Business Entity Name) does not and will not knowingly employ a person who is an unauthorized alien in connection with the contracted services provided under the contract(s) for the duration of the contract(s), if awarded.

In Affirmation thereof, the facts stated above are true and correct. (The undersigned understands that false statements made in this filing are subject to the penalties provided under section 575.040, RSMo.)

Authorized Representative's Signature	Printed Name
Title	Date
E-Mail Address	E-Verify Company ID Number

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ of _____. I am
(DAY) (MONTH, YEAR)

commissioned as a notary public within the County of _____, State of
(NAME OF COUNTY)

_____, and my commission expires on _____.
(NAME OF STATE) (DATE)

Signature of Notary	*Date*

EXHIBIT D, continued

(Complete the following if you have the E-Verify documentation and a current Affidavit of Work Authorization already on file with the State of Missouri. If completing Box C, do not complete Box B.)

BOX C – AFFIDAVIT ON FILE - CURRENT BUSINESS ENTITY STATUS

I certify that _____ (Business Entity Name) **MEETS** the definition of a business entity as defined in section 285.525, RSMo pertaining to section 285.530, RSMo and have enrolled and currently participates in the E-Verify federal work authorization program with respect to the employees hired after enrollment in the program who are proposed to work in connection with the services related to contract(s) with the State of Missouri. We have previously provided documentation to a Missouri Department or public university that affirms enrollment and participation in the E-Verify federal work authorization program. The documentation that was previously provided included the following.

- ✓ The E-Verify Employment Eligibility Verification page OR a page from the E-Verify Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) listing the bidder's name and the MOU signature page completed and signed by the bidder and the Department of Homeland Security – Verification Division
- ✓ A current, notarized Affidavit of Work Authorization (must be completed, signed, and notarized within the past twelve months).

Name of **Missouri Department** or **Public University*** to Which Previous E-Verify Documentation Submitted: _____

(*Public University includes the following five schools under chapter 34, RSMo: Harris-Stowe State University – St. Louis; Missouri Southern State University – Joplin; Missouri Western State University – St. Joseph; Northwest Missouri State University – Maryville; Southeast Missouri State University – Cape Girardeau.)

Date of Previous E-Verify Documentation Submission: _____

Previous **Bid/Contract Number** for Which Previous E-Verify Documentation Submitted: _____ (if known)

Authorized Business Entity Representative's Name (Please Print)	*Authorized Business Entity Representative's Signature*
Business Entity Name	Date
E-Mail Address	E-Verify MOU Company ID Number

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Documentation Verification Completed By:

Buyer	Date

EXHIBIT E

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

If any products and/or services offered under this IFB are being manufactured or performed at sites outside the United States, the bidder MUST disclose such fact and provide details in the space below or on an attached page.

Are any of the bidder's proposed products and/or services being manufactured or performed at sites outside the United States?	Yes ____	No ____
If YES, do the proposed products/services satisfy the conditions described in section 4 1., 2., 3., or 4. of Executive Order 04-09? (see the following web link: http://www.sos.mo.gov/library/reference/orders/2004/eo04_009.asp)	Yes ____	No ____

If YES, mark the appropriate exemption below, and provide the requested details:

____ 1. Unique good or service.

- EXPLAIN:_____

____ 2. Foreign firm hired to market Missouri services/products to a foreign country.

- Identify foreign country: _____

____ 3. Economic cost factor exists

- EXPLAIN:_____

____ 4. Vendor/subcontractor maintains significant business presence in the United States and only performs trivial portion of contract work outside US.

- Identify maximum percentage of the overall value of the contract, for any contract period, attributed to the value of the products and/or services being manufactured or performed at sites outside the United States: ___%
- Specify what contract work would be performed outside the United States: _____

Employee Bidding/Conflict of Interest:

Bidders who are elected or appointed officials or employees of the State of Missouri or any political subdivision thereof, serving in an executive or administrative capacity, must comply with sections 105.450 to 105.458, RSMo, regarding conflict of interest. If the bidder or any owner of the bidder's organization is currently an elected or appointed official or an employee of the State of Missouri or any political subdivision thereof, please provide the following information:	
Name and title of elected or appointed official or employee of the State of Missouri or any political subdivision thereof:	
If employee of the State of Missouri or political subdivision thereof, provide name of Department or political subdivision where employed:	
Percentage of ownership interest in bidder's organization held by elected or appointed official or employee of the State of Missouri or political subdivision thereof:	_____%

EXHIBIT E, CONTINUED
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

Missouri Secretary of State/Authorization to Transact Business

In accordance with section 351.572.1, RSMo, the Department is precluded from contracting with a vendor or its affiliate who is not authorized to transact business in the State of Missouri. Bidders must either be registered with the Missouri Secretary of State, or exempt per a specific exemption stated in section 351.572.1, RSMo. (http://www.moga.mo.gov/mostatutes/stathtml/35100005721.html)	
If the bidder is registered with the Missouri Secretary of State, the bidder shall state legal name or charter number assigned to business entity	Legal Name: _____ Missouri State Charter # _____
If the bidder is not required to be registered with the Missouri Secretary of State, the bidder shall state the specific exemption stated per section 351.572.1, RSMo.	State specific exemption _____ (List section and paragraph number) Stated in section 351.572.1 RSMo, _____ (State Legal Business Name)

STATE OF MISSOURI
MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

TERMS AND CONDITIONS -- INVITATION FOR BID

1. TERMINOLOGY/DEFINITIONS

Whenever the following words and expressions appear in an Invitation for Bid (IFB) document or any addendum thereto, the definition or meaning described below shall apply.

a. **1 CSR 40-1 (Code of State Regulations)** refers to the rule that provides the public with a description of the Division of Purchasing and Materials Management within the Office of Administration. This rule fulfills the statutory requirement of section 536.023(3), RSMo.
b. **Agency and/or Department** means the Missouri Department of Corrections.
c. **Addendum** means a written official modification to an IFB.
d. **Amendment** means a written, official modification to a contract.
e. **Attachment** applies to all forms which are included with an IFB to incorporate any informational data or requirements related to the performance requirements and/or specifications.
f. **Bid Opening Date and Time** and similar expressions mean the exact deadline required by the IFB for the receipt of sealed bids.
g. **Bidder** means the person or organization that responds to an IFB by submitting a bid with prices to provide the equipment, supplies, and/or services as required in the IFB document.
h. **Buyer or Buyer of Record** means the procurement staff member of the Department. The **Contact Person** as referenced herein is usually the Buyer of Record.
i. **Contract** means a legal and binding agreement between two or more competent parties for consideration for the procurement of equipment, supplies, and/or services.
j. **Contractor** means a person or organization who is a successful bidder as a result of an IFB and who enters into a contract.
k. **Exhibit** applies to forms which are included with an IFB for the bidder to complete and submit with the sealed bid prior to the specified opening date and time.
l. **Invitation for Bid (IFB)** means the solicitation document issued by the Department to potential bidders for the purchase of equipment, supplies, and/or services as described in the document. The definition includes these Terms and Conditions as well as all Exhibits, Attachments, and Addendums thereto.
m. **May** means that a certain feature, component, or action is permissible, but not required.
n. **Must** means that a certain feature, component, or action is a mandatory condition. Failure to provide or comply will result in a bid being considered non-responsive.
o. **Pricing Page(s)** applies to the Exhibit on which the bidder must state the price(s) applicable for the equipment, supplies, and/or services required in the IFB. The pricing pages must be completed and submitted by the bidder with the sealed bid prior to the specified bid opening date and time.
p. **RSMo (Revised Statutes of Missouri)** refers to the body of laws enacted by the Legislature which govern the operations of all agencies of the State of Missouri. Chapter 34 of the statutes is the primary chapter governing the procurement operations of the Department.
q. **Shall** has the same meaning as the word **must**.
r. **Should** means that a certain feature, component, and/or action is desirable but not mandatory.

2. APPLICABLE LAWS AND REGULATIONS

a. The contract shall be construed according to the laws of the State of Missouri. The contractor shall comply with all local, state, and federal laws and regulations related to the performance of the contract to the extent that the same may be applicable.
b. To the extent that a provision of the contract is contrary to the Constitution or laws of the State of Missouri or of the United States, the provisions shall be void and unenforceable. However, the balance of the contract shall remain in force between the parties unless terminated by consent of both the contractor and the Department.
c. The contractor must be registered and maintain good standing with the Secretary of State of the State of Missouri and other regulatory agencies, as may be required by law or regulations.

d. The contractor must timely file and pay all Missouri sales, withholding, corporate and any other required Missouri tax returns and taxes, including interest and additions to tax.
e. The exclusive venue for any legal proceeding relating to or arising out of the IFB or resulting contract shall be in the Circuit Court of Cole County, Missouri.
f. The contractor shall only utilize personnel authorized to work in the United States in accordance with applicable federal and state laws and Executive Order 07-13 for work performed in the United States.

3. CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION

a. All contractual administration will be carried out by the Buyer of Record or authorized Department Purchasing Section designee. Communications pertaining to contract administration matters will be addressed to: Department of Corrections, Purchasing Section, PO Box 236, Jefferson City, MO 65102.
b. The Buyer of Record/authorized designee is the only person authorized to approve changes to any of the requirements of the contract.

4. OPEN COMPETITION/INVITATION FOR BID DOCUMENT

a. It shall be the bidder's responsibility to ask questions, request changes or clarification, or otherwise advise the Department if any language, specifications or requirements of an IFB appear to be ambiguous, contradictory, and/or arbitrary, or appear to inadvertently restrict or limit the requirements or evaluation process stated in the IFB to a single source. Any and all communication from bidders regarding specifications, requirements, competitive bid process, etc., must be directed to the Buyer of Record of the Department, unless the IFB specifically refers the bidder to another contact. Such communication should be received at least ten (10) calendar days prior to the official bid opening date.
b. Every attempt shall be made to ensure that the bidder receives an adequate and prompt response. However, in order to maintain a fair and equitable bid process, all bidders will be advised, via the issuance of an addendum to the IFB, of any relevant or pertinent information related to the procurement. Therefore, bidders are advised that unless specified elsewhere in the IFB, any questions received less than ten (10) calendar days prior to the IFB opening date may not be answered.
c. Bidders are cautioned that the only official position of the State of Missouri is that which is issued by the Department in the IFB or an addendum thereto. No other means of communication, whether oral or written, shall be construed as a formal or official response or statement.
d. The Department monitors all procurement activities to detect any possibility of deliberate restraint of competition, collusion among bidders, price-fixing by bidders, or any other anticompetitive conduct by bidders which appears to violate state and federal antitrust laws. Any suspected violation shall be referred to the Missouri Attorney General's Office for appropriate action.
e. Some IFBs may be available for viewing and downloading on the Department's website or on the MissouriBUYS Statewide eProcurement System. For IFB's posted on MissouriBUYS, registered bidders are electronically notified of those bid opportunities that match the commodity codes for which the bidder registered in MissouriBUYS. If a registered bidder's e-mail address is incorrect, the bidder must update the e-mail address themselves on the state's MissouriBUYS Statewide eProcurement System at https://missouribuys.mo.gov/
f. The Department reserves the right to officially amend or cancel an IFB after issuance. It shall be the sole responsibility of the bidder to monitor the Department's website and the MissouriBUYS Statewide eProcurement System to obtain a copy of the addendum(s). Registered bidders who received e-mail notification of the bid opportunity when the IFB was established and registered bidders who have responded to the IFB on-line prior to an addendum being issued should receive e-mail notification of the addendum(s). Registered bidders who received e-mail notification of the bid opportunity when the IFB was established and registered bidders who have responded to the bid on-line prior to a cancellation being issued should receive e-mail notification of a cancellation issued prior to the exact end date and time specified in the IFB.

5. PREPARATION OF BIDS

a. Bidders **must** examine the entire IFB carefully. Failure to do so shall be at the bidder's risk.
b. Unless otherwise specifically stated in the IFB, all specifications and requirements constitute minimum requirements. All bids must meet or exceed the stated specifications and requirements.
c. Unless otherwise specifically stated in the IFB, any manufacturer names, trade names, brand names, information and/or catalog numbers listed in a specification and/or requirement are for informational purposes only and are not intended to limit competition. The bidder may offer any brand which meets or exceeds the

specification for any item, but must state the manufacturer's name and model number for any such brands in the bid. In addition, the bidder shall explain, in detail, (1) the reasons why the proposed equivalent meets or exceeds the specifications and/or requirements and (2) why the proposed equivalent should not be considered an exception thereto. Bids which do not comply with the requirements and specifications are subject to rejection without clarification.

d. Bids lacking any indication of intent to bid an alternate brand or to take an exception shall be received and considered in complete compliance with the specifications and requirements as listed in the IFB.
e. In the event that the bidder is an agency of state government or other such political subdivision which is prohibited by law or court decision from complying with certain provisions of an IFB, such a bidder may submit a bid which contains a list of statutory limitations and identification of those prohibitive clauses. The bidder should include a complete list of statutory references and citations for each provision of the IFB which is affected by this paragraph. The statutory limitations and prohibitive clauses may be requested to be clarified in writing by the Department or be accepted without further clarification if statutory limitations and prohibitive clauses are deemed acceptable by the Department. If the Department determines clarification of the statutory limitations and prohibitive clauses is necessary, the clarification will be conducted in order to agree to language that reflects the intent and compliance of such law and/or court order and the IFB.
f. All equipment and supplies offered in a bid must be new, of current production, and available for marketing by the manufacturer unless the IFB clearly specifies that used, reconditioned, or remanufactured equipment and supplies may be offered.
g. Prices shall include all packing, handling and shipping charges, and shall be delivered to the Department's designated destination FOB destination, freight prepaid and allowed unless otherwise specified in the IFB.
h. Bids, including all pricing therein, shall remain valid for 90 days from the bid opening unless otherwise indicated. If the bid is accepted, the entire bid, including all prices, shall be firm for the specified contract period.
i. Any foreign bidder not having an Employer Identification Number assigned by the United States Internal Revenue Service (IRS) must submit a completed IRS Form W-8 prior to or with the submission of their bid in order to be considered for award.

6. SUBMISSION OF BIDS

a. Delivered bids must be sealed in an envelope or container, and received in the Department’s Purchasing office located at the address indicated on the cover page of the IFB no later than the exact opening time and date specified in the IFB. For bids posted on the MissouriBUYS Statewide eProcurement System, registered bidders may submit bids electronically through the MissouriBUYS Statewide eProcurement System at https://missouribuys.mo.gov/. All bids must be submitted by a duly authorized representative of the bidder's organization, contain all information required by the IFB, and be priced as required. Bidders are cautioned that bids submitted via the USPS, including first class mail, certified mail, Priority Mail and Priority Mail Express, are routed through the Office of Administration Central Mail Services and the tracking delivery time and date may not be the time and date received by the Department’s Purchasing office. Regardless of delivery method, it shall be the responsibility of the bidder to ensure their bid is in the Department’s Purchasing office no later than the exact opening time and date specified in the IFB.
b. The sealed envelope or container containing a bid should be clearly marked on the outside with the official IFB number ***and*** the official opening date and time. Different bids should not be placed in the same envelope; however, copies of the same bid may be placed in the same envelope.
c. A bid which has been delivered to the Department may be modified by a signed, written notice which has been received by the Department’s Purchasing office prior to the official opening date and time specified. A bid may also be modified in person by the bidder or its authorized representative, provided proper identification is presented before the official opening date and time. Telephone or telegraphic requests to modify a bid shall not be honored.
d. A bid submitted electronically by a registered bidder may be retracted on-line prior to the official end date and time. A bid which has been delivered to the Department's Purchasing office may only be withdrawn by a signed, written document on company letterhead transmitted via mail, e-mail, or facsimile which has been received by the Department's Purchasing office prior to the official opening date and time specified. A bid may also be withdrawn in person by the bidder or its authorized representative provided proper identification

is presented before the official opening date and time. Telephone or telegraphic requests to withdraw a bid shall not be honored.

e. A bid may also be withdrawn after the bid opening through submission of a written request by an authorized representative of the bidder. Justification of a withdrawal decision may include a significant error or exposure of bid information that may cause irreparable harm to the bidder.
f. When submitting a bid electronically, the registered bidder indicates acceptance of all IFB requirements, terms and conditions by clicking on the "Accept" button on the Overview tab. Bidders submitting a hard copy must sign and return the IFB cover page or, if applicable, the cover page of the last addendum thereto in order to constitute acceptance by the bidder of all the IFB terms and conditions. Failure to do so may result in the rejection of the bid unless the bidder's full compliance with those documents is indicated elsewhere within the bidder's response.
g. Faxed and e-mailed bids shall not be accepted; however, faxed and e-mail no-bid notifications shall be accepted.

7. BID OPENING

a. Bid openings are public on the opening date and time specified in the IFB document. Names, locations, and prices of respondents shall be read at the bid opening. All bidders may view the same bid response information on the MissouriBUYS Statewide eProcurement System. The Department will not provide prices or other bid information via the telephone.
b. Bids which are not received in the Department’s Purchasing office prior to the official opening date and time shall be considered late, regardless of the degree of lateness, and normally will not be opened. Late bids may only be opened under extraordinary circumstances in accordance with 1 CSR 40-1.050.

8. PREFERENCES

a. In the evaluation of bids, preferences shall be applied in accordance with Chapter 34 RSMo. Contractors should apply the same preferences in selecting subcontractors.
b. By virtue of statutory authority, a preference will be given to materials, products, supplies, provisions and all other articles produced, manufactured, made or grown within the State of Missouri and to all firms, corporations or individuals doing business as Missouri firms, corporations or individuals. Such preference shall be given when quality is equal or better and delivered price is the same or less.

9. EVALUATION/AWARD

a. Any clerical error, apparent on its face, may be corrected by the Buyer of Record before contract award. Upon discovering an apparent clerical error, the Buyer of Record shall contact the bidder and request clarification of the intended bid. The correction shall be incorporated in the notice of award. Examples of apparent clerical errors are: 1) misplacement of a decimal point; and 2) obvious mistake in designation of unit.
b. Any pricing information submitted by a bidder shall be subject to evaluation if deemed by the Department to be in the best interest of the State of Missouri.
c. The bidder is encouraged to propose price discounts for prompt payment or propose other price discounts that would benefit the Department. However, unless otherwise specified in the IFB, pricing shall be evaluated at the maximum potential financial liability to the Department.
d. Awards shall be made to the bidder(s) whose bid (1) complies with all mandatory specifications and requirements of the IFB and (2) is the lowest and best bid, considering price, responsibility of the bidder, and all other evaluation criteria specified in the IFB and (3) complies with sections 34.010 and 34.070 RSMo and Executive Order 04-09.
e. In the event all bidders fail to meet the same mandatory requirement in an IFB, the Department reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to waive that requirement for all bidders and to proceed with the evaluation. In addition, the Department reserves the right to waive any minor irregularity or technicality found in any individual bid.
f. The Department reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
g. When evaluating a bid, the Department reserves the right to consider relevant information and fact, whether gained from a bid, from a bidder, from a bidder's references, or from any other source.

h. Any information submitted with the bid, regardless of the format or placement of such information, may be considered in making decisions related to the responsiveness and merit of a bid and the award of a contract.
i. Any award of a contract shall be made by notification from the Department to the successful bidder. The Department reserves the right to make awards by item, group of items, or an all or none basis. The grouping of items awarded shall be determined by the Department based upon factors such as item similarity, location, administrative efficiency, or other considerations in the best interest of the State of Missouri.
j. All bids and associated documentation submitted on or before the official opening date and time will be considered open records pursuant to section 610.021 RSMo.
k. The Department maintains records of all bid file material for review. Bidders who include an e-mail address with their bid will be notified of the award results via e-mail if requested.
l. The Department reserves the right to request clarification of any portion of the bidder's response in order to verify the intent of the bidder. The bidder is cautioned, however, that its response may be subject to acceptance or rejection without further clarification.
m. Any bid award protest must be received within ten (10) business days after the date of award in accordance with the requirements of 1 CSR 40-1.050 (9).
n. The final determination of contract award(s) shall be made by the Department.

10. CONTRACT/PURCHASE ORDER

a. By submitting a bid, the bidder agrees to furnish any and all equipment, supplies and/or services specified in the IFB, at the prices quoted, pursuant to all requirements and specifications contained therein.
b. A binding contract shall consist of: (1) the IFB and any addendums thereto, (2) the contractor's response (bid) to the IFB, (3) clarification of the bid, if any, and (4) the Department’s acceptance of the response (bid) by "notice of award" or by "purchase order." All Exhibits and Attachments included in the IFB shall be incorporated into the contract by reference.
c. A notice of award issued by the Department does not constitute an authorization for shipment of equipment or supplies or a directive to proceed with services. Before providing equipment, supplies and/or services for the Department, the contractor must receive a properly authorized purchase order or other form of authorization given to the contractor at the discretion of the Department.
d. The contract expresses the complete agreement of the parties and performance shall be governed solely by the specifications and requirements contained therein. Any change to the contract, whether by modification and/or supplementation, must be accomplished by a formal contract amendment signed and approved by and between the duly authorized representative of the contractor and the Department prior to the effective date of such modification. The contractor expressly and explicitly understands and agrees that no other method and/or no other document, including correspondence, acts, and oral communications by or from any person, shall be used or construed as an amendment or modification to the contract.

11. INVOICING AND PAYMENT

a. The State of Missouri does not pay state or federal taxes unless otherwise required under law or regulation.
b. For each purchase order received, an invoice must be submitted that references the purchase order number and must be itemized in accordance with items listed on the purchase order. Failure to comply with this requirement may delay processing of invoices for payment.
c. Payment for all equipment, supplies, and/or services required herein shall be made in arrears unless otherwise indicated in the IFB.
d. The Department assumes no obligation for equipment, supplies, and/or services shipped or provided in excess of the quantity ordered. Any unauthorized quantity is subject to the Department's rejection and shall be returned to the contractor at the contractor's expense.
e. All invoices for equipment, supplies, and/or services purchased by the Department shall be subject to late payment charges as provided in section 34.055 RSMo.
f. The Department reserves the right to purchase goods and services using the state purchasing card.

12. DELIVERY

a. Time is of the essence. Deliveries of equipment, supplies, and/or services must be made no later than the time stated in the contract or within a reasonable period of time if a specific time is not stated.
b. A Missouri Uniformed Law Enforcement System (MULES) background check may be required on the contractor's delivery driver prior to allowing a delivery vehicle entrance to certain institutions. A valid Missouri driver's license is required from the driver to perform the MULES background check. If the driver does not have a valid Missouri driver's license, their social security number and date of birth are required. If a driver or carrier refuses to provide the appropriate information to conduct a MULES background check, or if information received from the background check prohibits the driver or carrier from entering the institution, the delivery will be refused. Additional delivery costs associated with re-deliveries or contracting with another carrier for delivery shall be the responsibility of the contractor.
c. Unless a pallet exchange is requested at the time of delivery, all pallets used in the delivery of equipment and supplies shall become property of the Department.

13. INSPECTION AND ACCEPTANCE

a. No equipment, supplies, and/or services received by the Department pursuant to a contract shall be deemed accepted until the Department has had reasonable opportunity to inspect said equipment, supplies, and/or services.
b. All equipment, supplies, and/or services which do not comply with the specifications and/or requirements, or which are otherwise unacceptable or defective, may be rejected. In addition, all equipment, supplies, and/or services which are discovered to be defective, or which do not conform to any warranty of the contractor upon inspection (or at any later time if the defects contained were not reasonably ascertainable upon the initial inspection), may be rejected.
c. The Department reserves the right to return any such rejected shipment at the contractor's expense for full credit or replacement and to specify a reasonable date by which replacements must be received.
d. The Department's right to reject any unacceptable equipment, supplies, and/or services shall not exclude any other legal, equitable or contractual remedies the state may have.

14. WARRANTY

a. The contractor expressly warrants that all equipment, supplies, and/or services provided shall: (1) conform to each and every specification, drawing, sample or other description which was furnished to or adopted by the Department, (2) be fit and sufficient for the purpose expressed in the IFB, (3) be merchantable, (4) be of good materials and workmanship, and (5) be free from defect.
b. Such warranty shall survive delivery and shall not be deemed waived either by reason of the Department's acceptance of or payment for said equipment, supplies, and/or services.

15. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

a. Elected or appointed officials or employees of the State of Missouri or any political subdivision thereof, serving in an executive or administrative capacity, must comply with sections 105.452 and 105.454 RSMo regarding conflict of interest.
b. The contractor hereby covenants that at the time of the submission of the bid the contractor has no other contractual relationships which would create any actual or perceived conflict of interest. The contractor further agrees that during the term of the contract neither the contractor nor any of its employees shall acquire any other contractual relationships which create such a conflict.

16. CONTRACTOR STATUS

a. The contractor represents itself to be an independent contractor offering such services to the general public and shall not represent itself to be an employee of the State of Missouri. Therefore, the contractor shall assume all legal and financial responsibility for taxes, FICA, employee fringe benefits, workers compensation, employee insurance, minimum wage requirements, overtime, etc., and agrees to indemnify, save, and hold the State of Missouri, its officers, agents, and employees, harmless from and against, any and all loss, costs (including attorney fees), and damage of any kind related to such matters.

17. REMEDIES AND RIGHTS

a. No provision in the contract shall be construed, expressly or implied, as a waiver by the Department of any existing or future right and/or remedy available by law in the event of any claim by the Department of the contractor's default or breach of contract.
b. The contractor agrees and understands that the contract shall constitute an assignment by the contractor to the Department of all rights, title and interest in and to all causes of action that the contractor may have under the antitrust laws of the United States or the Department for which causes of action have accrued or will accrue as the result of or in relation to the particular equipment, supplies, and/or services purchased or procured by the contractor in the fulfillment of the contract with the Department.

18. SEVERABILITY

a. If any provision of this contract or the application thereof is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this contract which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or application, and to this end the provisions of this contract are declared to be severable.

19. CANCELLATION OF CONTRACT

a. In the event of material breach of the contractual obligations by the contractor, the Department may cancel the contract. At its sole discretion, the Department may give the contractor an opportunity to cure the breach or to explain how the breach will be cured. The actual cure must be completed within no more than ten (10) working days from notification, or at a minimum, the contractor must provide the Department within ten (10) working days from notification a written plan detailing how the contractor intends to cure the breach.
b. If the contractor fails to cure the breach, or if circumstances demand immediate action, the Department will issue a notice of cancellation terminating the contract immediately. If it is determined the Department improperly cancelled the contract, such cancellation shall serve as notice of termination for convenience in accordance with the contract.
c. If the Department cancels the contract for breach, the Department reserves the right to obtain the equipment, supplies, and/or services to be provided pursuant to the contract from other sources and upon such terms and in such manner as the Department deems appropriate and charge the contractor for any additional costs incurred thereby.
d. The contractor understands and agrees that if the funds required to fund the contract are appropriated by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, the contract shall not be binding upon the Department for any contract period in which funds have not been appropriated, and the Department shall not be liable for any costs associated with termination caused by lack of appropriations.
e. If the Department has reasonable cause to believe that the contractor has knowingly employed individuals who are not eligible to work in the United States in violation of federal law, the Department shall declare a breach and cancel the contract immediately without incurring any penalty.

20. TERMINATION OF CONTRACT

a. The Department reserves the right to terminate the contract at any time for the convenience of the Department, without penalty or recourse, by giving notice to the contractor at least thirty (30) calendar days prior to the effective date of such termination. The contractor shall be entitled to receive just and equitable compensation for services and/or supplies or equipment delivered to and accepted by the Department pursuant to the contract prior to the effective date of termination.

21. ASSIGNMENT OF CONTRACT

a. The contractor shall neither assign nor transfer any of the rights, interests, or obligations of the contract without the prior written consent of the Department.

22. COMMUNICATIONS AND NOTICES

a. Any notice to the contractor shall be deemed sufficient when e-mailed to the contractor at the e-mail address indicated in the contract, or transmitted by facsimile to the facsimile number indicated in the contract, or deposited in the United States mail, postage prepaid, and addressed to the contractor at the address indicated in the contract, or hand-carried and presented to an authorized employee of the contractor.
b. If the contractor desires to receive written notices at a different e-mail address, facsimile number, or USPS address than what is indicated in the contract, the contractor must submit this request in writing upon notice of award.

23. FORCE MAJEURE

a. The contractor shall not be liable for any excess costs for delayed delivery of goods or services to the Department if the failure to perform the contract arises out of causes beyond the control of, and without the fault or negligence of, the contractor. Such causes may include, however are not restricted to: acts of God, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, strikes, and freight embargoes. In all cases, the failure to perform must be beyond the control of, and without the fault or negligence of, either the contractor or any subcontractor(s). The contractor shall take all possible steps to recover from any such occurrences.

24. CONTRACT EXTENSION

a. In the event of an extended re-procurement effort and the contract's available renewal options have been exhausted, the Department reserves the right to extend the contract. If exercised, the extension shall be for a period of time as mutually agreed to by the Department and the contractor at the same terms, conditions, provisions, and pricing in order to complete the procurement process and transition to a new contract.

25. INSURANCE

a. The State of Missouri cannot save and hold harmless and/or indemnify the contractor or its employees against any liability incurred or arising as a result of any activity of the contractor or the contractor's employees related to the contractor's performance under the contract. Therefore, the contractor must acquire and maintain adequate liability insurance in the form(s) and amount(s) sufficient to protect the State of Missouri, its agencies, its employees, its clients, and the general public against any such loss, damage, and/or expense related to his/her performance under the contract.

26. BANKRUPTCY OR INSOLVENCY

a. Upon filing for any bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding by or against the contractor, whether voluntary or involuntary, or upon the appointment of a receiver, trustee, or assignee for the benefit of creditors, the contractor must notify the Department immediately.
b. Upon learning of any such actions, the Department reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to either cancel the contract or affirm the contract and hold the contractor responsible for damages.

27. INVENTIONS, PATENTS AND COPYRIGHTS

a. The contractor shall defend, protect, and hold harmless the Department, its officers, agents, and employees against all suits of law or in equity resulting from patent and copyright infringement concerning the contractor's performance or products produced under the terms of the contract.

28. CONTRACTOR PROPERTY

a. Upon expiration, termination or cancellation of a contract, any contractor property left in the possession of the Department after forty-five (45) calendar days shall become property of the Department.

29. NON-DISCRIMINATION AND AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

a. In connection with the furnishing of equipment, supplies, and/or services under the contract, the contractor and all subcontractors shall agree not to discriminate against recipients of services or employees or applicants for employment on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, disability, or veteran status unless otherwise provided by law. If the contractor or subcontractor employs at least 50 persons, they shall have and maintain an affirmative action program which shall include:
   1. A written policy statement committing the organization to affirmative action and assigning management responsibilities and procedures for evaluation and dissemination;
   2. The identification of a person designated to handle affirmative action;
   3. The establishment of non-discriminatory selection standards, objective measures to analyze recruitment, an upward mobility system, a wage and salary structure, and standards applicable to layoff, recall, discharge, demotion, and discipline;
   4. The exclusion of discrimination from all collective bargaining agreements; and
   5. Performance of an internal audit of the reporting system to monitor execution and to provide for future planning.

b. If discrimination by a contractor is found to exist, the Department shall take appropriate enforcement action which may include, but not necessarily be limited to, cancellation of the contract, suspension, or debarment by the Department until corrective action by the contractor is made and ensured, and referral to the Attorney General's Office, whichever enforcement action may be deemed most appropriate.

30. AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

a. In connection with the furnishing of equipment, supplies, and/or services under the contract, the contractor and all subcontractors shall comply with all applicable requirements and provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

31. FILING AND PAYMENT OF TAXES

a. The commissioner of administration and other agencies to which the state purchasing law applies shall not contract for goods or services with a vendor if the vendor or an affiliate of the vendor makes sales at retail of tangible personal property or for the purpose of storage, use, or consumption in this state but fails to collect and properly pay the tax as provided in chapter 144, RSMo. For the purposes of this section, "affiliate of the vendor" shall mean any person or entity that is controlled by or is under common control with the vendor, whether through stock ownership or otherwise. Therefore a bidder’s failure to maintain compliance with chapter 144, RSMo may eliminate their bid from consideration for award.

32. TITLES

a. Titles of paragraphs used herein are for the purpose of facilitating reference only and shall not be construed to infer a contractual construction of language.

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